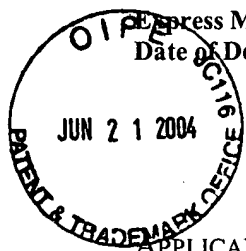


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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**RESPONSE AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This paper is in response to the December 19, 2003 Restriction Requirement, in connection with the above-referenced application. Applicants also submit herewith (1) A request for extension of five months time; and (2) Copy of Petition and Amendment to Correct Inventorship under 37 C. F. R. §1.48(b). Please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below.

With the extension, this response is due on or before Monday June 21, 2004 (June 19, 2004 occurring on a Saturday). Check No. 18859 in the amount of \$1,005.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the corresponding extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5). No other fees are believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 502648, Reference No. 21402-251 (Cura-551).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.